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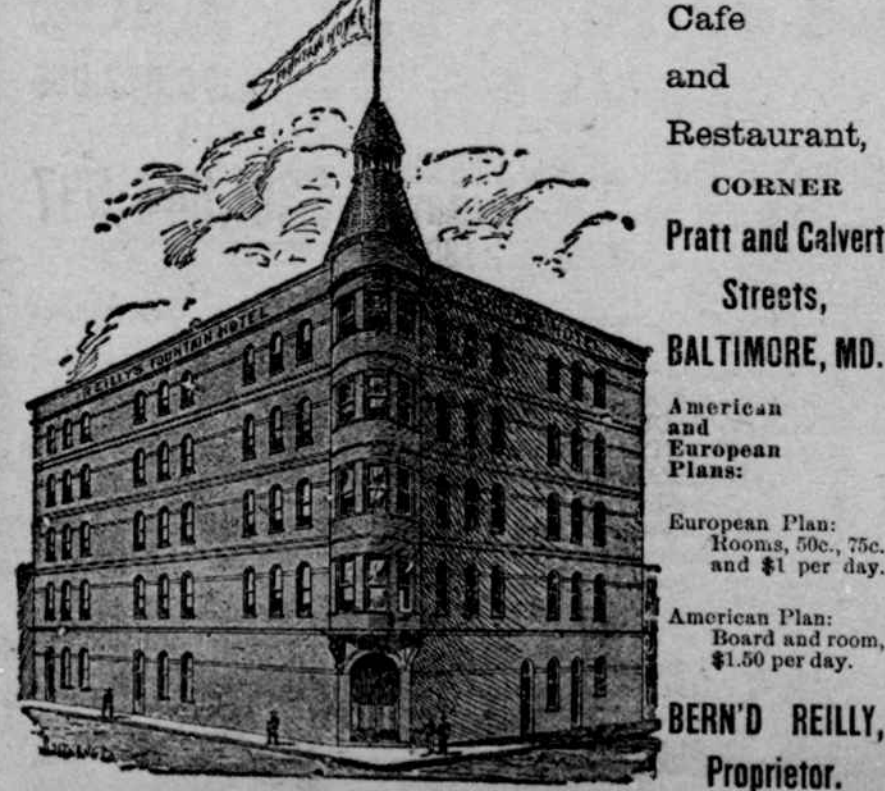
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KILLS HIS SON IN BATTLE.

Young Rockefeller Was Lead-
ing Filipino Command.

A strange and terrible story, hard-
ly surpassed in the imagination of
writers of fiction, has come to light in
partial explanation of the disappearance
of Major Charles M. Rockefeller,
of the famous Ninth United States
Infantry.

In a word, he disappeared from
the army after killing his only son,
who was leading a Filipino command.
The son had been stolen from his
home in infancy by a Chinese nurse,
and after long years of search Major
Rockefeller made the terrible discov-
ery that the Filipino officer was the
man for whom he was searching. The
story, as told in substance by the
Army and Navy Journal, follows:

Charles M. Rockefeller served with
distinction in one of the New York
volunteer regiments during the Civil
War. In 1863 he was made first
lieutenant in the One Hundred and
Seventy-eighth New York Infantry.
It was while second lieutenant that
he married, and in 1870 a boy, named
Robert was born. The major was
detailled to Hongkong with a com-
mission, and there he remained
until 1873. The Chinese nurse en-
gaged to look after the boy dis-
appeared with him. Search was made
high and low for the kidnapper and
the child, but no trace could be found
of them, Rockefeller and his wife
returned to this country, where Mrs.
Rockefeller died, mourning the loss
of the little one.

Maj. Rockefeller never relinquished
the search for his child. In the
years that elapsed he got no trace of
him, yet he still hoped against hope
of one day meeting him. He never
told his trouble to any of his brother
officers and thus it was that few in
the Ninth Regiment knew of his
marriage.

The Ninth Regiment was one of
the first to be sent to the Philippines.
One day in the month of March, last
year, he with his command met at a
place north of San Beor a strong
force of the enemy, led by a big,
strapping, handsome young man,
apparently an Englishman. The
Filipinos fought fiercely and con-
tinued the fighting until most of them
were killed or wounded. According
to the official dispatches of the time,
the young Filipino leader made des-
perate efforts to get at Major Rocke-
feller with evident intention of kill-
ing him. He did succeed in slaying
two of the Major's orderlies and in
another moment would have killed
Rockefeller. Then the latter, not an
instant too soon, shot the young leader
dead.

"When the dead were being buried
and the wounded cared for," says the
Army and Navy Journal, "among
papers found on the young insurgent
were letters of recommendation is-
sued to Paul Stanhope and written
by well-known Hongkong officials.
Also a diary giving the names of in-
dividuals in the Chinese city. These
were all turned into headquarters by
the Major with his report."

Then happened the extraordinary
thing which army circles have been
discussing ever since—the disappearance
of Major Rockefeller in sight of the
enemy and no word of explanation.
Letters had been forwarded to him,
as well as to the Ninth Regiment men
generally. Among the number which
he received was one from the Ameri-
can consul at Hongkong, inclosing
the original letter which he had re-
ceived from the head of the Jesuit
institution to whom he had written
for information of the Major's kid-
napped son.

Paul Stanhope, the adopted son
of Henry Stanhope, Hongkong, the
young Filipino leader whom the
Major had killed, was his own and
only son, the one for whom he had
been searching all these weary years.
Whether or not the thought drove
him mad is a matter of conjecture.
Certain it is that he disappeared that
very night—walked through the lines
and refused to stop when halted.

General Otis spread the mantle
of charity over the Major's disappear-
ance in his report to the War Office.
This is the official announcement
made by the War Department:
"A report from General Otis gives
the details of the disappearance of
Major Charles M. Rockefeller.

"The pickets says they were first
made aware of Major Rockefeller's
presence by hearing the cry of
'picket' repeated several times. Cor-
poral Ross hailed the caller, and, on
discovering the identity, offered to
escort him to the next outpost, which
offer was declined. Major Rocke-
feller started off, and soon after the
pickets again heard the cry of 'picket.'
Corporal Ross told the officer that he
was going in the wrong direction and
to turn more to the right. This was
the last seen of Major Rockefeller,
as he failed to report to his com-
mand."

"The next day searching parties
found pieces of paper bearing his
name one and a half miles from
where he was last seen and heard.
Since then an officer answering the
description of Major Rockefeller has
been seen as a prisoner of the Fili-
pinos south of Manila."

General Otis says, in commenting

on the case, that on the day previous
to the disappearance of Major Rocke-
feller the Ninth Infantry made a
forced march, and that probably he
was so affected by the heat that he
wandered into the Filipino line.

Another theory advanced is that he
may have been picked up by a recon-
noitering party. From that time
until the present nothing has been
seen or heard of Major Rockefeller.
Following the usual custom, he was
dropped as a deserter. Now the
story is out that he is in Honduras,
a broken down old man. He has, it
is said, thrown aside the soldier's
garb forever.

(Communicated.)
**A SAD COMMENTARY ON COUNTY
AND STATE GOVERNMENT.**

EDITOR CITIZEN:
When a mere boy I used to read
a good deal of the organized bands of
outlaws and highway robbers, such as
Jesse James, and I must confess that
I used to admire their daring deeds
a great deal, but on the other hand
wondered why men such as they
were not caught and brought to jus-
tice more frequently in a land where
the laws were so stringent against
them. I could not see how a man
brought up in this country could
hate his fellow-man and be desirous
of obtaining by robbery and murder
the hard earnings of others, when
ways were plentiful to make a decent
living and not be burdened with the
great fear of detection which must
necessarily be in the mind of every
law-breaker, for the way of the trans-
gressor is ever hard.

If all reports be true there is an
organization in Lancaster county now
that beats all the highway robberies
on record; it is the organized band
of men who sell whiskey in defiance
of the county and of the State. We
understand if they want to sell liquor
they get a United States Internal
Revenue license with the understand-
ing that if one should get caught
they all chip in and pay the little fine
imposed upon them by the kind-
hearted county officials. What a
shame and insult to county and State
government! Why, the very fact of
a man getting a United States license
in a local option county shows that
he intends to sell liquor and by that
act says "I am afraid to tackle the
United States laws but care not a
whit for the laws and officials of
Lancaster county. By such actions
they virtually say to the county offi-
cers, who in their oath of office have
sworn to punish law-breakers, "I am
not afraid of you and I dare you to
trouble me." To a stranger not know-
ing the state of affairs here it
makes a bad showing for the county
and the people in it. It shows some-
thing wrong somewhere. But the
blame is not all on the man who sells
the stuff, for there are others who are
parties to the organization and they
are the parties who buy it and by so
doing help and encourage the wrong,
for if they have whiskey for sale they
can't sell without customers, so the
man who buys is nearly as bad as
the man who dispenses the vile stuff.
And they not only disobey the laws
for they know that when they go in
these places that there is dishonesty
and they make up their minds
to lie if asked about it, and by so
doing further injure their moral
characters. Now who is the most
guilty, the man who sells or the man
who buys? Some of the buyers will
swear to a lie to protect the man
who is breaking the law but getting
some compensation in dollars and
cents for so doing, while the man
who buys it not only breaks the law
but is robbing his family of the
money he pays for it with and sending
his own soul to hell, so not one
cent compensation and not even the
thats of the speak-easy man does
the buyer receive. Now, is not the
whole flock tarred with the same
stick, or as the old saying is "birds
of a feather flock together." I would
not trust one further than I would
the other.

Quit your meanness; be men, law
abiding citizens and don't make
yourself law-breakers and thus be
shunned by honest people, besides
casting a reflection on the good name
of the county officials by yours and
their disregard of their duty.

LANCASTER MAN.

(Communicated.)
A "JAY" WANTS TO CORRESPOND.
DEAR EDITOR—I am an interested
reader of the CITIZEN but seldom at-
tempt to write for your columns.
I am of a different opinion from
"Lying Ellick," as I think the Boers
are justifiable in their war and am
sorry they were not victorious. Every
American should be in sympathy
with the liberty-loving Boers.

The N. X. News states that there
are thirty-eight widows from Kinsale
to Mt. Holly, a distance, I judge, of
about twenty miles. We can beat
that all to pieces. We have within
a whop of Culvary church fourteen
widows, seven old maids and three
widowers.

I am a school boy about of age and
I neither drink, chew, smoke or
use profane language and think that
all boys could keep from these evil
habits if they would. I should be
pleased to correspond with some of
the school girls of my class that are
now teaching. If this escapes flat-
head I will call again.

BY THE JAY,
Farnham, Va.

THE TIME OF DEATH.

One of the differences between the
man and the monkey is in the man's
ability and occasional willingness to
consider of his own death. Yet a very
large proportion of us shun the
thought and force ourselves back to
the level of the animals by refusal to
remember an inevitable fact which
should not be terrible, and is not to
minds properly trained. The one
thing we may certainly know of our
future in this life is that we must
presently die; and that one thing
most of us try diligently to forget.

Despite our reluctance, most of us
must think sometimes. "Lord, teach
me to know mine end and the num-
ber of my days that I may be cer-
tified how long I have to live." The
stately words roll solemnly from
chancel and choir above the coffin
lids beneath which lie those who have
learned, and express an old yearning
of the heart. They come to us
through the thousands of years in-
tervening since they first gave form
to the universal and ever unanswered
prayer, across the graves of the un-
numbered millions who have lived
and died before us. There has al-
ways been the belief, shared alike by
the massive Hebrew worshipping the
One God, and by Homer, the Greek,
half believing in many, that some-
where there is exact knowledge of
the end and the time of each of us—
that from the moments of the draw-
ing of the first breath the hour and
moment of the exhalation of the last
is precisely determined by inexorable
decision. Therefore the prayer has
gone on continually into the mystery
and the darkness. The awful silence
has continued through the ages un-
broken. No passion of pleading has
brought an answer. As the time
has come the stroke has fallen surely,
and the lives have leaped out and
vanished beyond the darkness and
mystery and silence from which none
return and no whisper nor faint echo
of sound nor gleam of light comes.

When a child dies there is depra-
vation and compensation. We know
more of death than of life. The
promises and the assurances of all the
All Wise and All Powerful and the
Unfailing Power are to be so fulfilled
that we may understand the fulfill-
ment only beyond the grave. So
when the child dies we feel that we
know its future as we could not
know if it had lived. We know that
it has avoided the unhappiness and
heartaches, the miseries and dangers
that come to the human lives most
carefully guarded and zealously car-
ried for. We know, too, that aside from
the stinging pain of loss left in our
hearts, much of happiness has been
mined because to every young, strong
life there comes happiness of many
kinds.

When the old man dies we may
say and try to feel that it is well.
Strength has gone and the com-
panions and friendships and associa-
tions of his youth have gone—but
yet, his life was at its ripest, he was
just nearing the fullness of his know-
ledge, the work of his life was just
beginning to accumulate about him
and bear fruit. So we let our tears
fall over the white heads and worn
and peaceful faces of the old as we
do upon the shining hair and
smooth cheeks of the children
called away. And if any new-born
child could by special power be
given the right to choose when it
should die, with knowledge of what
was to be in the common human
life, what and what time would it
choose?

Let any of us who have come some-
way along the road imagine ourselves
newly come with the knowledge we
have, how would we choose? Sup-
pose each of us at time of birth was
given supernatural understanding of
life as it is and permitted to select
the time for ending the life new
given? How would we choose?
Childhood or youth with all the
power and the strength and happi-
ness and passion and splendid
strength of life but barely tasted?
The summer and fruitful time of
life when strength is at its strongest
and realization of hopes and pur-
poses in sight? The autumn time
when the sheaves of the work of our
lives are gathering thick about us
and yet there is work to be done
with the winter and the frost coming
fast? The winter time, when there
is yet work to be done, but we have
merely begun to understand life and
ourselves and to be snug and com-
fortable and at rest?

When would we have it? Sup-
pose we had the naming and placing
of the time, could we decide?

We could not; for life is always
sweet and always bitter, and each
season and stage of it has its own
sweetness and bitterness. Each step
of it is trod in uncertainty, in hoping
and fearing.

If we had the numbering of our
own days we would not number
wisely. If we were given the power
to choose the time of our own end-
ings we would be baffled by ourselves
in choosing. We would linger and
linger.

Happily for us, we have not the
power or the right to say for our-

selves or for others. We must all
die, as we are appointed to die. It is
our part to be ready. That is all of
our part. A Power apart from ours
and beyond our understanding de-
cides for each of us when the end
must come. We know that time
must come, and that is all we know
of it. The day of the month, the
month of the year, the season of life
are hidden from us. All we can do
is to be always ready to meet it when
it comes to ourselves or those close
to us as an inevitable fact, as an in-
evitable and right consequence of life as
the sure working of nature or condi-
tions, as merely the changing from
one state of life to another.—Rich-
mond News.

NORTHERN NECK AGRICULTURAL FAIR.

This annual fair opened Wednes-
day last week on its fair grounds
near Heathsville, Northumberland
county, and closed Friday afternoon
after one of the most successful
fairs held there in recent years. The
crowds all three days were good but
on Thursday it was far above the
average, while the racing was among
the prettiest ever seen in the North-
ern Neck. As scheduled balloon as-
censions were made the second and
third days, the aeronauts on the
latter day, however, did not escape
without a little shaking up, for it
appears that she alighted on one side
of the roof of a house and fell, the
parachute going on the opposite side.
Her injuries were not serious.

The police did their duty well and
the track was kept clear, while the
order on the grounds was perfect,
there not even being an argument
with the many fakers who were on
the grounds with numerous games
of chance. Following is a list of
the races:

FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY.
Two-year-old, 1 mile, 2 in 3. O.
V. Betts "Lady Bryan" won, with
Willie Conley's "Mary Miller" second
and L. W. Fallin's "Bertie" third.
Time 1:44. Other races were
scheduled but failed to be pulled off.
SECOND DAY—THURSDAY.
Scrub race, 1 mile, 2 in 3.
O. V. Betts "Free Silver," 1 1 1.
R. B. Smith's "Vergie," 2 2 2.
Willie Conley's "Lady Bryan," 3 3 3.
Time 1:26.
Two-thirty class, mile heats, 3 in 5.
Downing's "Sable Rock," 1 1 1.
Henderson's "Druid," 2 2 2.
Time 2:42.
Four-year-olds, 1 mile, 3 in 5.
Cooper's "Orange Blossom," 1 1 1.
Hudnall's "Major Bellman," 2 2 2.
Time 1:12.
The shooting match on this day
was won by Dr. W. P. Sydnor, with
Jos. Fallin and Dr. F. W. Lewis
second and third respectively. Birds
killed were 9, 6 and 6 out of a possi-
ble twelve.

THIRD DAY—FRIDAY.
Driving race, 1 mile, 3 in 5.
Fallin's "Nellie D," 1 1 1.
Dawson's "Maud S," 2 2 2.
Betts' "Lady Bryan," 3 3 3.
Time 1:32; 1:33; 1:29.
Mule race, 1 mile, 2 in 3.
Dawson's "Bryan" won, and Head-
ley's "McKinley" necessarily was
second. Time 1:37; 1:45. It is
hardly thought that "McKinley"
has gotten around the track as we go
to press, hence we are unable to
vouch for his time, but hazard a
guess that it will be somewhere about
9 days, 11 hours, 57 minutes and 19
seconds.

Two-thirty-five class, 1 mile, 3 in 5.
F. P. Cooper's "Hanna," 1 1 1.
F. Downing's "Sable Rock," 2 2 2.
Time 1:19; 1:14; 1:12; 1:18.
The above races attracted consid-
erable attention, and at its conclusion
enthusiasm ran high. Capt. Cooper
was presented with a handsome
bouquet and carried a goodly distance
on the shoulders of his many ad-
mirers. Although the time does not
show up very well it is acknowledged
that these are the fastest horses of
the Northern Neck and a great many
people believe that "Sable Rock" will
win easily at the Kilmarnock Fair
this week. "Sable Rock" was
awarded the first premium being
the prettiest and finest stallion on
exhibition at the grounds.

Gentlemen's driving race, 1 mile,
3 in 5.
Henderson's "Druid," 2 1 1.
Betts' "Free Silver," 1 2 2.
Fallin's "Nellie D," 3 3 3.
Time 1:42; 1:26; 1:33; 1:24.
The shooting match of the third
day was won by Dr. Sydnor, he
breaking 8 out of 13. E. Cullick came
in second with 7 pigeons to his credit,
while A. S. Rice and Jos. Fallin tied
for third place with 6 apiece. The
tie was shot off which resulted in a
victory for A. S. Rice.

The exhibits were good in all de-
partments and were much admired.
Prof. J. P. Caulfield was on hand
with several Sanders & Stayman
pianos.

A MODERN PARABLE.

Being a Tale of Two Roads and Two
Men, But Which Might Apply
Equally as well in the Newspaper
or any Other Line.

A certain man built a road, and
set up a toll gate. But, not satisfied
with collecting enough money for a
fair profit, he fixed his toll rates at
more than double what was neces-
sary. For many years the travelers
over this road paid tribute to him,
and many complaints reached the

ears of that man, but he hardened
his heart, saying: "My road is the
only road the people can travel. I
will take what money I please."

At length another man arose and
said: "I will build a road and will
charge only what is right; and he did.
Many men went over his road, and
he grew stronger every day.

After a time the first man saw the
number of travelers on his road
growing less, and he said: "I will
publish abroad the old rates, but will
stop every traveler on the other man's
road, and tell him I will let him
travel my road for the same price he
would have to pay the other man."

Some travelers hearkened to his
voice, saying to themselves: "This
man hath robbed us in the past, but
now repenteth. This road is new.
We will go by the old way, as now it
costs no more."

And the man whenever he succeed-
ed in turning back a traveler on the
new road, laughed in his sleeve, say-
ing: "Thou fool! thou knowest not
my repentance is feigned. As soon
as I get all the travelers back, I shall
again charge what I please."

Other some, being wise in their
day and generation, saw that this
man's heart was not changed, and
refused to turn aside to the old road,
saying to him: "The new road is as
good as thine; its builder is our
friend, for he hath delivered us from
the yoke of bondage."

And the new road prospered, and
grew exceeding great, sending out
branches even to the confines of the
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